

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. A parking fee applies at the J.A. Skinner State Park summit parking lot. **Programs meet at the indicated location.** All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advanced request. For more information call the park: J.A. Skinner State Park, (413) 586-0350; or Mt. Holyoke Range State Park, (413) 253-2883.

**OPEN
SATURDAYS,
SUNDAYS &
MONDAY
HOLIDAYS**

HISTORIC SUMMIT HOUSE, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Located in J.A. Skinner State Park on the summit of Mt. Holyoke, 10 Skinner State Park Road, Hadley. The summit is accessible by auto road, or on foot via hiking trails. Visit this mid-1800s former mountain-top hotel. Take a peek into Victorian period recreation, and soak in spectacular views of the Connecticut River Valley. Wheelchair accessible. A parking fee applies at the summit lot.

**OPEN
DAILY**

NOTCH VISITOR CENTER, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Located in Mt. Holyoke Range State Park at 1500 West Street, Amherst. The Visitor Center features free exhibits, park information, restrooms and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Accessible by PVTa public transit (Amherst R38). Open late-May through mid-October.

**DAILY,
WEATHER
PERMITTING**

DISCOVERY TABLE, 10:00 a.m.—noon

All ages. Visit with the park interpreter by the **trailhead kiosk outside Notch Visitor Center, Mt. Holyoke Range State Park.** A variety of interesting local natural or cultural history topics and artifacts that highlight the story of The Range. Hiking and trail information available. If raining, visit with the park interpreter inside the Visitor Center.

**SATURDAYS
& SUNDAYS**

SUMMIT HOUSE TOUR, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and up. Free. A one-hour guided tour enlivens your Summit House visit. Hear the story and vision of John and Fanny French. In the 1800s they offered a novel mountain-top vacation here at the Prospect House. Discover how it changed, and later became a state park. **Meet at J.A. Skinner State Park, inside the Summit House.**

SUNDAYS

THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE, 10:00—10:30 a.m.

Ages 15 and up. Discover the story of Hudson River School artist Thomas Cole and his famous painting, [The Oxbow](#). Compare the same iconic view then and now. **Meet on the deck of the Summit House, J.A. Skinner State Park.**

